

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/759,856 filed on January 15, 2004. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-15 and 17-21 are rejected. Claims 4, 11, and 16 are objected to.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 10, 12-13, 15, 17-18, and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Elko et al (US Patent No. 4, 894,749). Applicants have amended the claims to distinguish over Elko et al. Elko et al does not disclose "a body coupled to the blanking panel that emulates dimensions of a housing-contained standard electronic equipment nU device" where "n is a multiple of U units of size 1 or greater."

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Elko et al in view of Helgenberg et al (US Patent No. 6,601,932). Claims 7, 14, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Elko et al in view of Feightner et al (US Patent No. 5,214,567). Applicants' amendments to the claims distinguish over the references on the basis that the references in combination do not teach "a body coupled to the blanking panel that emulates dimensions of a housing-contained standard electronic equipment nU device" where "n is a multiple of U units of size 1 or greater."

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 11, and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly.

**CONCLUSION**

The application, including remaining Claims 1-21, are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

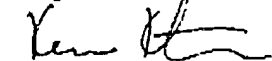
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